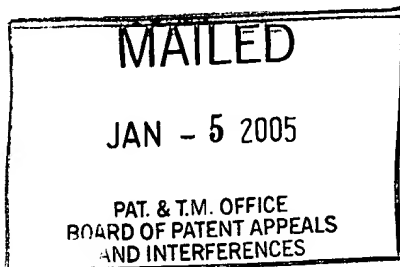




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Applicants: Beall et al.
Application No.: 09/203,166
Filed: 12/01/98
For: Athermal optical devices employing
negative expansion substrates

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 105,253.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).

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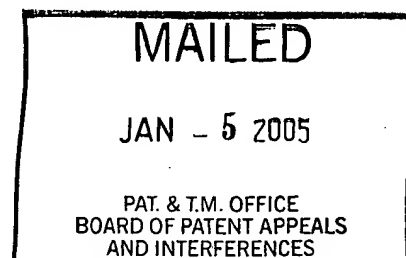
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

FITEL USA CORPORATION,
Junior Party
(Patent 5,694,503),

v.

CORNING, INC.,
Senior Party
(Application 09/203,166).



Patent Interference No. 105,253 (RES)

DECLARATION

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties. Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this DECLARATION.

Part B. Judge managing the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Richard E. Schafer has been designated to manage the interference. 37 CFR § 41.104(a) [Bd. R. 104(a)].

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER [SO] accompanies this DECLARATION. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Initial conference call

A telephone conference call to discuss the interference is set for **10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2005** (the Board will initiate the call).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile (SO ¶ 4.5) a list of the motions (Bd. R. 120; Bd. R. 204; SO ¶ 26) the party intends to file.

A sample schedule for taking action during the motion phase appears as Form 2 in the STANDING ORDER. Counsel are encouraged to discuss the schedule prior to the conference call and to agree on dates for taking action. A typical motion period lasts approximately eight (8) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. Identification and order of the parties

Junior Party

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| Named inventors: | Debra Anne Fleming, New Jersey David Wilfred Johnson, New Jersey Paul Joseph Lemaire, New Jersey |
| Patent: | 5,694,503, issued December 2, 1997, based on Application 08/707,879, filed September 9, 1996 |
| Title: | Article comprising a temperature compensated Optical fiber refractive index grating |
| Assignee: | Fitel USA Corporation |
| Accorded Benefit: | None |

Senior Party

Named Inventors: George H. Beall, New York
David L. Weidman, New York

Application: 09/203,166, filed December 1, 1998

Title: Athermal optical devices employing
negative expansion substrates

Assignee: Corning, Inc.

Accorded Benefit: PCT application PCT/US96/13062,
filed August 7, 1996

The senior party is assigned exhibit numbers 1001-1999. The junior party is assigned exhibit numbers 2001-2999. Bd. R. 154(c)(1). The senior party is responsible for initiating settlement discussions. SO ¶ 18.

Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 1 of Fleming U.S. Patent 5,694,503.

The claims of the parties are:

Fitel: 1-13

Corning: 41-50, 52, 54-61

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Fitel: 1-13

Corning: 41-50, 52, 54-61

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1, and therefore are not involved in the interference, are:

Fitel: None

Corning: None

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The heading in SO Form 1 must be used on all papers filed in this interference. See SO ¶ 7.2.1. The administrative patent judge and parties must be indicated as follows:

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Part H. Order form for requesting file copies

When requesting copies of files, use of SO Form 4 will greatly expedite processing of the request. Please attach a copy of Part E of this DECLARATION with a hand-drawn circle around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is requested.


Richard E. Schafer
Administrative Patent Judge

Enc:

Standing Order
Copy U.S. Patent 5,694,503
Copy of claims of 09/203,166

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INTERFERENCE DIGEST

Interference No. 105,253

Paper No. 22

Name: George H. Beall et al.

Serial No.: 09/203,166

Patent No.

Title: Athermal optical devices employing negative expansion substrates

Filed: 12/1/98

Interference with Fleming et al.

DECISION ON MOTIONS

Administrative Patent Judge, _____ Dated, _____

FINAL DECISION

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, _____ Dated, _____

Court, _____ Dated, _____

REMARKS

This should be placed in each application or patent involved in interference in addition to the interference letters.